

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a restful Christmas break and have enjoyed spending time with your families. There are a few updates for you as we start the new term.

Covid

You will be aware that rates in the local area remain high. We would ask you continue to wear a face covering when coming into the school office and around the schools grounds when social distancing is not possible.

Leadership

I will be continuing to work at Woodfield 1.5 days a week as Executive Head and this term we welcome Miss Whyte to school in her role as Head of School. Following a request from North Yorkshire Local Authority Miss Whyte will be based at Woodfield for half of the week and will be supporting a local federation of schools for the other half. To allow this to happen and ensure Woodfield has the best leadership Mr Routh will also be joining us at Woodfield this term as a Leading Practitioner and he will be working with staff and children to implement some changes to the curriculum. Mr Routh has already been providing some Mathematics support to the school and is familiar to the staff and children. There will always be leader on site at Woodfield.

Consultation on Amalgamation.

Please see below a statement from North Yorkshire County Council.

“North Yorkshire County Council are currently consulting on a proposal to amalgamate Grove Road Community Primary School and Woodfield Community Primary School, Harrogate.

In the interests of safety to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus, the in-person public meeting planned for Monday 10 January at 6.30pm at Woodfield School will now take place as a virtual (online) meeting.

If you do not have the facilities to participate in the virtual (online) meeting but would still like to engage directly in the consultation process then please liaise with your school.

Joining the Virtual (online) meeting on Monday 10 January at 6.30pm

A Microsoft Teams link for this meeting has been added to Weduc and onto the school website.

You will be admitted to the meeting just prior to it starting at 6.30pm.

A written note of this type of meeting will be made and submitted to the County Council's Executive as part of the decision-making process. To assist with this the meeting will be recorded. The recording will be discarded once the written note is compiled.

Virtual (online) public meeting on Monday 17 January at 6.30 pm

If you are not able to join the online meeting on Monday 10 January, there will be another virtual (online) public meeting on Monday 17 January 2022 at 6.30 pm. The link for this meeting will be circulated next Tuesday. As the same information will be presented, it is not necessary to attend both meetings.

Viewing the consultation document and completing the online survey

The consultation document can be viewed and the online survey can be completed at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/grove-road-community-primary-school-and-woodfield-community-primary-school-harrogate-consultation>

Please note that this consultation runs until 28 January 2022.”

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr M Atkinson

Executive Headteacher